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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Love the One You're With!

MARK 10:11-12 NKJV – (11) So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her. **(12)** And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

In the Old Testament, adultery was understood as sexual relations between a married (or engaged) woman and a man other than her husband. Therefore, it was considered a sin against the husband. In the New Testament, Jesus extended the definition of adultery to include sexual relations between a married man and a woman other than his wife (**Mark 10:11-12, Luke 16:18**). Other New Testament teachings support this interpretation (**1 Corinthians 6:15-16, 1 Corinthians 7:2**).

For Christians, adultery is the sin of a married man having sexual relations with anyone other than his wife or a married woman having sexual relations with anyone other than her husband.

Are there exceptions? What happens if a spouse cannot or will not have sex? What if a couple is separated? Medical reasons? Anything?

The Bible is very clear. There are no exceptions. As long as a couple is legally married, sex with anyone else is considered adultery.

SCRIPTURE READING

HEBREWS 13:4

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If marriage means you fell in love, does divorce mean you climbed out?"